

Roots in Vagia, Greece (1983)

Reporter Steve Kash visited Vagia, Greece to discover the Mayor's roots. John Chalos, Sr., who had immigrated to America in 1910, intended to work in Seattle's lumber yards, but a fateful missed train landed him in Terre Haute.

Growing Up in Terre Haute (2001)

Mayor Chalos described life in Terre Haute as the son of Greek immigrants in the 1930s in his book, *Growing Up in Terre Haute*. His invaluable stories describe Terre Haute businesses, schools, and what he did for recreation during the Great Depression.

Pete Chalos. Basketball Fundamentals

Pete Chalos was a talented basketball coach at Van Buren High, Gerstmeyer, and Prairie Creek. *Basketball Fundamentals* documents some of those experiences.

From "Delinquent City" to a "Hot spot for economic development" (1961)

The Saturday Evening Post labeled Terre Haute as a "delinquent city" overrun by gambling, prostitution and corruption. Pete Chalos' goal as Mayor was to change the city's reputation to what Inc. Magazine called a "hot spot for [economic] development."

"Chalos works hard for Terre Haute" (1979)

After having served on the Terre Haute city council, Pete Chalos decided to enter the mayoral race in 1979. This advertisement provides a biography of his life, and depicts him as a “dedicated family man.”

1983 Governor bid (Dec. 13, 1983)

Mayor Chalos, personally unsatisfied with Governor Robert Orr, decided to run for governor in December 1983. His major campaign themes were industrial development, education reform, and utility reform.

1987 campaign flyer

Pete Chalos, in a reelection campaign, used clever advertising to his advantage. His campaign’s creativity shines in this caricature of Mayor Chalos as a conductor.

November 1987 campaign

Pete Chalos was mayor of Terre Haute from 1980-1996. In his third mayoral race, just days before the election, Chalos explained his reasoning for voting Democratic.

Tajimi, Japan (1988)

The association of Tajimi, Japan and Terre Haute, Indiana as “sister cities” began in 1962 during the administration of Mayor Ralph Tucker but it was Mayor Pete Chalos’ efforts that led to a visit of citizens from Tajimi.

Chalos, the traveling diplomat

Among the Mayor's mementos was this hotel card from Taipei City, Taiwan. Taipei was just one of his many trips abroad, for both business and leisure.

Economic Development

Mayor Chalos earned a reputation for pursuing jobs for his community. Among the large companies with a footprint in Terre Haute were/are Sony DADC, Columbia House, Bemis, AET, Eli Lilly, Great Dane and Pfizer.

Just a Thought (2003)

In 2003, the retired yet pensive Mayor Chalos reflected on his faith and philosophy. The result was *Just a Thought*, a collection of his essays on his beliefs, drawing heavily from a vast knowledge of the Bible.

Mayor (2004)

This reflective autobiography covers Pete Chalos' career as Mayor of Terre Haute. Chalos discusses the many challenges during his 16 years, from the 1980 census challenge to the BASF controversy and more.

Clever and Wise (September 28, 2003)

The ever-pensive former Mayor had time to reflect on life and politics. This 2003 article with the Tribune-Star shares some of his wisdom, garnered through the trials of his mayoralty.